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1% of all hospitals, train nearly 30% of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists. The passage of H.R. 1579 would allow for freestanding children's hospitals to receive an immediate source of financial assistance through a capped, time-limited appropriation that would provide GME payments to children's hospitals. The measure would authorize a \$280 million grant in FY2000 and \$285 million in FY2001. The passage of this bill would help sustain the vital role played by our Nation's freestanding children's teaching hospitals and would make payments to children's hospitals commensurate with those provided to other teaching facilities.

Without a consistent source of financial support, children's hospitals cannot fulfill their mission—providing clinical care for the sickest and poorest children, training the next generation of care givers for children, and investing in research to improve children's health care. If we really care about our children's future, we must ensure that they have access to the best medical care in the world. With this in mind, I urge each of my colleagues to give this amendment their strongest support.

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UNCOMMON COURAGE FIGHTING  
OUR FIGHT

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 1, 1999*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, eighteen months ago a courageous and fearless Colombian National Police (CNP) anti-narcotics operations Captain stayed overnight in the Colombian jungle to protect a downed excess-Vietnam-era, single engine Huey helicopter from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) narco-terrorists in that troubled nation. Taken captive and dragged through Colombian jungles for more than 18 months, this courageous police captain was fighting America's fight against illicit drugs upfront and personal.

CNP Captain Wilson Quintero broke loose from his FARC captors this month after killing several of them during his escape. He stayed on the run through the tough jungles of Colombia for more than 12 days, where he was killed fighting his narco-guerillas captors after being shot 35 times. Two other CNP anti-drug officers, without weapons, were also found executed by the guerillas near Quintero's body.

The Colombian National Police used every aerial asset in its aged and ill-equipped helicopter fleet to try to save its courageous comrade. Captain Quintero leaves a wife and son to whom we extend our deepest sympathies. May Captain Quintero and all those CNP officers who have died fighting illicit drugs rest in peace and remind us of their courageous service in their and our drug war.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL REFLEX SYMPATHETIC  
DYSTROPHY AWARENESS

**HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 1, 1999*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the promise of medical research. With the advancements in medical research being announced every day, the possibilities for improving the length and quality of life for all Americans appear impressive and unprecedented. We can maintain hope, buoyed by good science, that improved treatments and cures can be found for cancer, diabetes, AIDS, arthritis, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and spinal cord injuries to name a few. However, to take full advantage of this possibility we must increase our funding for the National Institutes of Health and all federally funded medical research.

I could marvel you with the achievements in medical research that I have seen in the last year through my role as a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education. However, I would instead like to focus on those individuals that experience pain in their daily lives. The National Arthritis Foundation tells me that nearly one in six Americans will suffer from some form of arthritis and according to the American Chronic Pain Association, pain is part of the daily lives of one in three Americans.

I am blessed to know a wonderful lady in San Marcos, California, Alfie Burns. Alfie is President of the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association of California, serves as an Appeals Board Member on the California Department of Rehabilitation, is involved in her community and still has time to raise a family.

It is for people like Alfie that I have recognized the month of October as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Awareness Month in the 51st District of California. I encourage my colleagues to join me in promoting unity in the chronic pain community to provide sound public education, cohesive medical information and bring compassion for those who experience chronic pain. I wish for all Americans to live self-supporting and fulfilling lives free from the ravage of pain.

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL REFLEX SYMPATHETIC  
DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH, OCTOBER 1999

Whereas, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD) is a complex and extremely painful neurogenic medical condition that afflicts millions of Americans annually. RSD is a multiple symptom condition which may simultaneously affect nerves, muscles, bones, skin, and the circulatory system; and

Whereas, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD) was officially assigned an International Category of Diseases Code Number, ICD-9337.2, in October 1993, allowing accurate statistics on this condition to be collected. According to a recent survey by the National RSD Hope Group, 65% of RSD sufferers contract the disease in their thirties or forties and three out of every four RSD patients are women; and

Whereas, Alfie C. Burns founded the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association of California in 1992. The mission of the not for profit organization is to promote edu-

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cation and awareness of this debilitating disorder. The RSDSA-CA is the longest standing organization of its kind in the state and it serves as an RSD information resource; and

Whereas, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD) involves numerous medical procedures and a variety of medications if the disease becomes chronic and there is no single standard treatment for the condition. Additionally, medical costs for treatment of the disease can be prohibitive. One of my goals is to double funding for medical research so that new treatments may be found and costs may be curtailed for all Americans with health problems; Now therefore, be it

Resolved, that in recognition of the numerous accomplishments of the RSDSA-CA, the month of October 1999, is hereby proclaimed "Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Awareness Month" in the cities and communities of California's 51st Congressional District.

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PRESERVING AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND  
FAMILIES INTO THE 21ST CENTURY ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 27, 1999*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support H.R. 202 and urge its adoption. The House Committee on Banking and Financial Services has incorporated three other worthy bills into H.R. 202. Together, this bipartisan legislation assures affordable housing and needed services for low-and-moderate income senior citizens. This bill will provide a continuum of care to our seniors by making certain that our seniors can afford to live independently in their own homes, and continue to preserve their dignity and self-sufficiency by obtaining services in an assisted living facility as an alternate to nursing home care.

Like other areas around our country, Suffolk County, NY is plagued with high property taxes and very expensive real estate prices. Even middle class senior citizens run out of money and the ability to afford to live on their own, in an assisted living facility, or in a nursing home. In some of our towns, such as Riverhead, Long Island, 25% of our citizens are senior citizens. Some senior citizens are only able to live in their apartments because of the assistance provided through Section 8 vouchers. Others need the supportive services provided by an assisted living facility, but these services are not always available. Although assisting living facilities are being constructed every day, more are needed.

Today, I would like to focus on some particularly important aspects of this bill that will help to address this problem in eastern Long Island and everywhere else in our country.

As contracts with the federal government expire in increasing numbers, landlords can "opt-out" of the Section 8 voucher program that makes housing more affordable for low-income residents, particularly elderly and disabled individuals. Through its "mark-up-to-market" initiative, HUD recently began to offer increased rents for below market projects

whose market rents are between 110% and 150% of Fair Market Rent. This encourages owners not to "opt-out" of the Section 8 program. H.R. 202 expands HUD's "mark-up-to-market" initiative, facilitating even more owners to remain in the program. Even where owners do "opt-out," however, HUD will be able to provide "enhanced vouchers" so that seniors who have been living independently in their homes for years can remain there. The expansion of the mark-up-to-market initiative and these enhanced vouchers are critical to keeping our seniors from having to face relocation or loss of their housing.

The Section 202 program also provides capital to nonprofit organizations to finance construction and rehabilitation for rental housing with supportive services for the low-income elderly. It also provides rent subsidies for sponsors of projects to help make these assisted-living facilities affordable. The Section 811 program provides capital and subsidies for similar housing programs for disabled individuals. H.R. 202 allows refinancing or canceling of this debt for certain older facilities. If the project sponsor accepts these new financial terms, it must put at least 50% of that savings into increasing supportive services, rehabilitation, modernization, or retrofitting of structures for the elderly. Through this innovative process, this bill will help to create more assisted living facilities for our elderly and disabled individuals in all of our communities.

Mr. Speaker, as the newest Member of the House Committee on Banking and Financial Services, I am proud of this bill and urge its passage.

**TRIBUTE TO BYRON AND DOROTHY DAVIDSON GERSON ON THE DEDICATION OF THE SECOND TEMPLE PERIOD TRIPLE GATE MONUMENTAL STAIRS AND OBSERVATION PLAZA**

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday October 1, 1999.*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the outstanding civic contributions of Dorothy Davidson Gerson and Byron Gerson. The Gersons and their wonderful family have, for decades, supported a wide range of civic and philanthropic causes. I am honored to know them and welcome the opportunity to pay tribute to them for their unusual devotion to advancing Jewish community life.

The most recent example of the Gersons' generosity will be inaugurated this weekend. On Sunday, October 3, in Jerusalem the Second Temple period Triple Gate Monumental Stairs and Observation Plaza will be dedicated. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, and other Israeli leaders and scholars will participate in this celebration. The Triple Gate restoration project, located in the Jerusalem Archeological Park and developed by the Israel Antiquities Authority, was realized thanks to the strong support of the Gersons. It will be dedicated in loving memory of Dorothy's parents, Sarah and Ralph Davidson, both highly respected for

their own contributions to the Jewish community and to civic life.

The historical significance of the Gersons' altruism will be appreciated for generations to come. The Triple Gate and the Double Gate, also known as the Huldah Gates, were one of the principal entrances to the Temple Mount for pilgrims during biblical times. This area of the southern wall was badly damaged following the destruction of the Second Temple. The western Huldah Gate, or Double Gate, now lies below the Al-Aqsa Mosque. The eastern Huldah Gate, or Triple Gate, consisted of three arched entryways at the time of the Second Temple. Now parts of the threshold and the doorjamb are all that remain of the Triple Gate. A monumental staircase was earlier located in front of the Triple Gate. Much of this staircase has now been reconstructed, affording visitors the opportunity to envision the southern entrances to the Temple Mount as it was during the Second Temple period.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the generosity of Byron and Dorothy Davidson Gerson, and in congratulating them on the forthcoming dedication of the Triple Gate Monumental Stairs and Observation Plaza. This project will serve not only as a historical treasure, but also as an appropriate monument to the Gersons' passionate devotion to ensuring that the lessons and legacy of our past are preserved for centuries to come.

**RECOGNIZING BASF**

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 1, 1999*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize BASF for its outstanding contributions to the community.

BASF is one of the world's leading agriculture product companies. Its products range from natural gas, oil, petrochemicals and innovative intermediates to high-value-added chemicals, crop protection agents and pharmaceuticals. Among BASF's Hallmarks are its comprehensive know-how, highly developed integrated systems, which are called Verbund and a significant proportion of specialties.

BASF has an enviable and long history of innovative crop protection technologies and agronomic systems. But perhaps nowhere is the rich legacy of BASF more evident than in the soybean industry. BASF also helps cotton growers around the world solve costly insect, disease, weed control and plant physiology problems in more than 50 crops. When it comes to weed control, BASF is the peanut producer's oldest and most reliable partner. BASF is also instrumental for its agricultural products in the crops of corn, rice, apples, citrus and fruits, and vegetables.

All of BASF's products and services help to conserve and maintain values. As a company that operates throughout the world, BASF is responsible for the effects of its products and processes on humans and the environment. BASF is constantly looking for improvements in safety, environmental protection, and health.

Founded in 1965, BASF is committed to being the best provider of knowledge and in-

novative solutions for crop protection, in the eyes of its customers, employees and the public.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize BASF for its service to the community, nation and world. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing BASF many more years of continued success.

**NONSENSE CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE 106TH CONGRESS**

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 1, 1999*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, there are strong rumors that Actor Warren Beatty may run for President in order to highlight the "real issues" facing our great nation. Beatty produced and starred in the movie, "Bulworth," which was a nonsense presentation seeking to ridicule our present political environment. When we listen to the posturing and slogans of the leadership of this 106th Congress it is difficult to distinguish the nonsense on the floor from the nonsense in "Bulworth." Perhaps the political process would benefit from a presidential run by Warren Beatty. He could hold up a mirror for us to see the "bull" we tolerate.

**WELCOME BULWORTH**

Bulworth welcome  
To the Capitol dome  
For folks full of bull  
This is your home  
Manure is splattered  
Over the Congress floor  
Bring a shovel  
Push the grit  
Out the Chamber door  
Medicare prescriptions  
Will bankrupt the nation  
BULL  
Postpone school construction  
Til the next generation  
BULL  
Money equals free speech  
Guns have great  
Manhood lessons to teach  
BULL  
Tobacco smoke is not a pest  
Get government out of the medicine chest  
Unborn children need protection  
Single mothers deserve rejection  
BULL  
Moral decay killed the kids  
At Columbine  
Our hi-tech army  
Still needs the land mine  
BULL BULL BULL.

**HONORING A FALLEN DRUG WAR HERO**

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 1, 1999*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, in March of 1998, Colombian National Police (CNP) Captain Wilson Quintero left his base in San Jose del Guaviare for the last time. As he took off in his Vietnam-era UH-1H Huey helicopter, he saluted the ground crew, and left on his mission to fly cover for U.S.-sponsored